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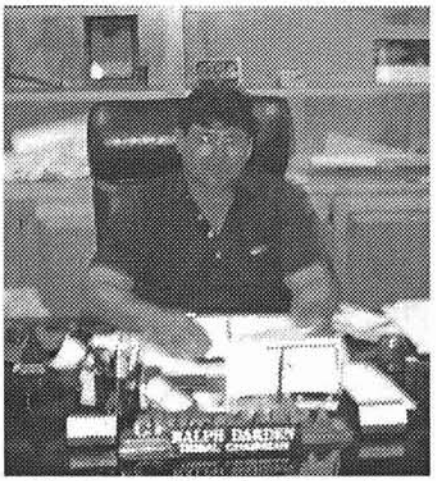
NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Dear Tribal Members:



Chairman Ralph C. Darden

In this month's newsletter, you will find another survey that is being conducted by the tribal government. I know you must be tired of surveys but this is the only way that we can have information that pertains to goals that we are trying to achieve. This survey is in reference to the assisted living and elderly care center. Based on information from our first meeting and input from community members, we tried to put together a bid package that we thought would serve as a starting point on this facility. As we moved along, it was determined that in order for us to design a facility, we needed more information from those who would have a need now or in the near future and exactly what types of assistance you would be seeking (i.e., elderly assisted living, nursing home care, alzheimer patient care, strictly day care or living alone with little or no help). Names are not necessary and all information is confidential.

Please fill out this survey and return it to us in the self-addressed, postage included envelope provided to you. The more input we receive, the better we will able to tailor-make the services to be provided. Thank you.

On Tuesday, April 27th, the Tribal Council attended a luncheon at the USL campus in Lafayette along with tribal employees of the casino. These employees have finished an *Introduction to Hospitality* course of which they are able to receive an Associate's degree. Everyone received a Certificate of Completion and soon they will start their classes. I would like to extend my congratulations to these people and wish them the very best in their endeavors as their pursue their degree and move up the ladder in employment. This will certainly enhance their lives which is the dream that tribal government hopes to fulfill for it will enhance the future of the Tribe.

The Pavillion

By the time you receive this letter, groundbreaking will have taken place on the expansion of the Casino. We had planned to start earlier but the excessive bad weather and length of time it is taking to move all of the utilities has posponed groundbreaking. This activity is scheduled for May 4th and you will soon see construction beginning on the new facility. New forms of entertainment will be brought to this area and children will be allowed to attend.

In closing, I would like to extend my condolences to Patty LeBlanc and her family for the loss of their father, Paul Hoskins. For those of us who knew Paul, we will surely miss him and his delightfully dry sense of humor.

"Kop's Korner"
News from the Chitimacha P.D.
Frank McCloskey, Police Chief

We welcome to the department Dispatcher Linda Goodyear. Linda began her employment on April 14, bringing 15 years of law enforcement experience to the department having worked for the Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office. Welcome Linda! Glad to have you as part of the team!

Congratulations to Officer Mike Pontiff and his wife Shannon, on the birth of their son, Slade Michael. Slade arrived on Sunday, April 27, weighing in at 8 lbs. 15 ozs. A precious little brother for Meagan!

For the month of April, the police department issued two traffic citations for no driver's license.

Seven arrests were logged on charges ranging from theft, burglary, driving under suspension, disturbing the peace by fighting and simple battery.

BURGLARY SOLVED

As a result of an investigation conducted by members of the Chitimacha Tribal Police Department, Philip Badeaux, age 22, of 623 Martin Luther King St., Charenton; Zackery Dugas, age 17, of 221 Choctaw St. and Nerry Moneaux, age 21, of 125 Cherokee St., on the reservation, were arrested in connection with a burglary which occurred on the reservation in the early morning hours of April 1, 1997.

On April 2, 1997, at approximately 11:30 a.m., the Police Department received the initial complaint of a burglary at 3541 Chitimacha Trail. Missing from the residence were several long guns, ammunition, knives, and assorted camera gear valued at approximately $4500.00.

The investigating Officer had knowledge that the Officer working the night shift on April 1, 1997, detained Badeaux and Dugas at approximately 12:45 a.m. in the 3600 block of Chitimacha Trail for a curfew violation. The subjects were patted down according to procedure and brought to the Police Department for questioning. The duty Officer recovered a knife and flashlight from Badeaux which were later identified as items taken in the burglary.

The investigating Officer and other members of the Department were able to locate the three individuals involved who were brought to the police station for questioning. As a result of excellent interview techniques, the three subjects admitted to taking part in the burglary. All the long guns and the majority of the camera equipment were recovered.

Philip Badeaux and Zackery Dugas were charged with simple burglary and will be tried in the 16th Judicial District Court. Nerry Moneaux was charged with theft, under tribal codes, and will be tried by the Chitimacha Tribal Court.

SAFETY NOTICE

While construction of the pool is on going behind the Senior/Youth Center, we ask parents, for the safety of everyone, to please advise their children not to play in this area. Officers will be making extra spot-checks. Thanks for your help!

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Kop's Korner
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TRIBAL CODES FOR ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES

TITLE VII SECTION 901--DEFINITIONS

"All Terrain Vehicle" (ATV)-means any motorized off-roadway vehicle, traveling on three or more tires, designed for operator use with or without passengers.
"Operate"-means to ride in or on and control of the ATV.
"Operator"-means a person who operates and is in actual physical control of an ATV.
"Owner"-means a person other than a lien holder, having the property ownership in or title to an ATV and entitled to its use.

TITLE VII SECTION 902--OPERATION OF ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES

A. A person may not operate an all-terrain vehicle upon any roadway, roadway shoulder in this jurisdiction.

B. Any operator of an ATV may make a direct crossing of a roadway but such operator shall:
(1) First bring the ATV to a complete stop before crossing any roadway.
(2) Yield the right of way to any motor-vehicle or pedestrian.
(3) Cross the roadway only when such crossing can be made in safety.

C. A person may not operate an ATV in the following ways which are declared to be unsafe and a public nuisance:
(1) In any area which prohibits the use of ATV's as designated by the Tribal Council and so clearly marked.
(2) In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damage to such person or property.
(3) While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance.
(4) In any garden or tree nursery area, school area, business area or area not owned by the operator or his or her family (if a minor).

PENALTY: Any person violating this section shall be fined an amount not to exceed $250.00 and/or the ATV may be impounded and held until impoundment fee in the amount of $50.00 is paid.
(NOTE: If the violator is a juvenile, the parent/guardian will be responsible for payment of fine and/or fee).

TITLE VII SECTION 903--EXCEPTION TO OPERATION OF ATV ON ROADWAYS

Any ATV which is duly registered with the State of Louisiana and with the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana and operated by a person who is a duly licensed operator and who has the required liability insurance may operate any ATV upon the roadways within this jurisdiction.

Parents please assist the police department with the enforcement of the above tribal codes, by informing children of the laws that pertain to the use of ATV'S within the jurisdiction of the reservation. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY!

TRIBAL COURT NEWS
From: Holly A. Robicheaux, Tribal Courts Director

CURRENT COURT STATISTICS:
(Filed Mar. 26th thru April 28th)

CASES: 16

11 Civil Actions (1 Complaint for Damages, 1 Petition for Executory Process, 1 Reg. Civil Complaint and 8 Garnishments) **1** Domestic Relations(Pet. For Guardianship); **3** Traffic; and **1** Criminal Complaint .

MORTGAGE AND LIENS:

30 Assignments

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CASES PENDING AS OF APRIL 1, 1997:

TRIBAL COURT:

18 - Civil (17 Torts/1 Probate)
00- Criminal
03- Domestic
01 - Juvenile
09 - Traffic

TRIBAL APPELLATE COURT:

01 - Civil Tort Action

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COURT SESSIONS:

Our monthly Tribal Court session was held on April 2, 1997, at which time **12** cases were scheduled to be heard;
2 Domestic Relations (Hear. Pet. For Divorces); 7 Civil Traffic Infraction (Hears./Trials); and 3 Tort Actions (Prelim. Hearings).

The two week Civil Trial Docket began April 14th at which time a Jury Trial was conducted in one Tort Action. As you are aware the jury panel is randomly selected from Tribal members who are eighteen (18) years of age or older. Following voir dire (questioning of the panel by the parties) seated was as follows;

(From Left to Right)
Back Row; Chelsey Sisk Adams, Cheryl Ladnier and Darryl Sisk
Front Row; Kevin Mora, Carol Ann Talley and Tiffany Lynn Darden (Not pictured is Kelly Burgess Brown who served as an alternate)

A second action was scheduled for Trial on the Merits but settled prior to hearing and a special hearing on a Petition for Executory Process was completed. Originally seven (7) tort actions were scheduled for trial during this two week period, however three (3) were continued and re-set for October.

Our next regularly scheduled Tribal Court Session is May 7, 1997 with open session beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Tribal Court of Appeals has Oral Arguments scheduled to be heard on May 5, 1997 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and;

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As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Tribal Court, please feel free to contact the Court at 923-7806.

Cultural Community News
By: Carolyn B. Savage

Earlier this month we conducted a needs assessment within our community. We wanted to know what cultural based activities you all are interested in. Based on the results of the survey we will be able to design a program that will meet the needs and desires of the majority of our community members. If you did not participate in the survey but you do have ideas or comments please feel free to come by or call the Cultural Department and share your thoughts with us. The results of the survey are as follows:

1. ♦ 100% of the 83 polled felt that Cultural Education is important for the community.

2. ♦ 66% said they are interested in attending Cultural Education classes.
   ♦ 34% were not interested in attending Cultural Education classes.

3. ♦ 76% are interested in learning the Chitimacha Language.
   ♦ 24% are not interested in learning the language.

4. ♦ 73% would be willing to attend classes on the Chitimacha Language.
   ♦ 26% would not be willing to attend classes.

5. ♦ 65% would be interested in attending Traditional Art classes.
   ♦ 34% were not interested in attending classes.

6. ♦ 54% were interested in attending Native American Dance/Drum classes.
   ♦ 46% were not interested in attending classes.

7. ♦ 58% are interested in learning to make traditional regalia.
   ♦ 40% are not interested to make traditional regalia.

8. ♦ 100% would like to see Chitimacha have its own drum.

9. ♦ 40% are interested in learning to drum and/or sing.
   ♦ 31% are not interested in learning to drum and/or sing.

10. ♦ 67% are interested in a Storytelling program.

11. ♦ 43% would like to learn to make and/or play a flute.
    ♦ 54% were not interested in learning to make and/or play a flute.

Thank you all for your cooperation and for your willingness to share your thoughts and ideas with us. We will keep you informed of our scheduled activities by newsletter and flyers. Call us at 923-4395 if you have any questions.

News From the Past
By: Melanie Marcotte

The Chitimacha, prior to European contact, lived a simple, but well structured life. Your ancestors' government was well ordered. There were war chiefs for each village and one primary chief whose responsibility was to go from village to village meeting with the war chiefs and council. One such primary chief was Champagna, Chitimacha name Na'ta Wa'shka Ema mtch. Champagna was from the village Teat Kasi'tuncki, which is now known as the Chitimacha Reservation. Four times a year all Chitimacha's would travel from their individual villages to Co'Ktangi ha'ne hetci'ne, pond lily worship house at Grand Avoille Cove, for ceremony and dancing. All chiefs would gather there and hold their grand council, discussing the governmental organization and any other Tribal matters requiring joint decisions.

Your ancestors homes were made of palmetto. They were constructed as follows. A slight excavation of about two feet was made to correspond with the floor space of the future structure. The wall was outlined by a row of posts about three or four inches in diameter and four feet or more in height, placed about two feet apart. Smaller flexible branches and saplings were interwoven between the upright posts. A low conical roof was formed of a frame covered with thick palmetto thatch. A hole was dug in which a quantity of clay and Spanish moss was mixed with water, this serving as plaster for the wall of wattle work. Clam and oyster shells were burned and the lime thus obtained was mixed with water and used to whitewash the inside wall of the house. On the day this work was to be done all the people of the village gathered, and the walls were completed between sunrise and sunset. The structures were either round or square, and one, much larger than the others, is remembered to have served as a meeting place for the men of the village. The fires were made outside the house, with a smaller fire also in the home, for cooking purposes and also for keeping out mosquitoes. There was a smoke hole in the top of the roof, with a flap made of thatched palmetto for closing in case of rain. This was accomplished by a cord of moss or vine being attached to the flap and being pulled shut. In the mid 1800's, wooden homes took over the palmetto home. The first Chitimacha documented to live in a wooden house was a female Chitimacha Chieftess whose name was Shu'sh Hana'nki, which translated meant "Wooden House". This name was given to her by the Chitimacha for her distinction of living in a wooden house. She lived in Teat Kasi'tuncki, Charenton village.

Chitimacha men wore their hair long and flowing. In times of ceremony and in war they would pull their hair up high on their head, bound by leather. The hair would spray out in all directions and feathers were attached and would hang into the hair. They adorned themselves with much care and artistic taste, and had tatoo's on the inside of their legs from knee to ankles and the inside of their arches of the foot. Some warriors had a tatoo on their chest, placed on the left side. They wore necklaces, finger rings, bracelets, nose rings and earrings. The warriors had the distinction of having their knees scarified once a year. Certain men, especially appointed for the purpose, had to paint the knees of the warriors with pulverized charcoal. This was made to stick by scarifying the skin with the jaw of a small species of garfish until it began to bleed slightly, after which the coloring matter was rubbed on. This manipulation had to be repeated every year. In painting themselves for ceremony, the men used only the red and black paints. The women wore their hair in plaits or tresses, ornamented with feathers. A portion of their hair was wound in a coil of braids about the head and secured. Their ornaments were bracelets, earrings and finger rings. In painting themselves they used only the red and white colors. Fine pieces of copper acquired from trade were hammered into bracelets, shoulder pieces and breast pieces. Others were worn about the waist, and the chief carried a piece upon his fore head. Moccasins were worn up to the knee and made of hide of the deer, elk, bear, etc. *[A pattern and description of how to make Chitimacha moccasins is included in this article.]*

Brain tanning of hides, or the dressing of skins was done by the Chitimacha in the following manner. If possible, as soon as the skin is removed, it is stretched in a frame, or fastened to a flat surface and in this position is allowed to dry. A frame is then constructed of four poles, two being set in the ground, parallel and some three or four feet apart, the others being arranged in a horizontal position attached to the former. Within the rectangular space thus formed the skin is stretched and securely fastened. The frame holding the skin is not stood in vertical position, but at an angle of about thirty degrees. A small fire of palmetto wood is made on the ground below it so that much smoke is produced. Some of the brain of the animal is then rubbed over the upper surface of the skin, which is thoroughly scraped with a chisel shaped implement made of a piece of hard wood beveled at one end. After this surface has been sufficently scraped the skin is turned over and the other side is treated with brains and rubbed and scraped in the same manner. During the entire process the skin is kept quite warm by the fire

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beneath it, and smoke is allowed to rise against it. After the scraping and rubbing, which has resulted in the removal of all hair and wool from one side and all particles of flesh from the other, the skin is quite soft and white. Sufficent oil from the brain which has been rubbed into the skin, remains to keep it pliable.

Cords or ropes were made by twisting black moss. Only black moss served the purpose. A quantity was obtained and two persons would work with it, twisting in opposite directions. After the cord was about twenty or thirty feet in length, it was doubled and again twisted, this time very tightly.

Much food was smoked and so preserved for future use. The method of smoking was this: four poles were set up, extending between three and four feet above the surface. These were connected at the top by other poles or cords, and to the latter were attached pieces of meat, the fish, the ducks, and all else that was to be smoked. The fire was made on the ground between the four stakes and a particular kind of wood was required (hickory). Many ducks were prepared in this manner, being first skinned, thoroughly cleaned and opened on the back. Everything was so well smoked as not to require more cooking before being eaten. For clam or oyster cooking, a hole was made in the ground (about the size of a bushel basket) and filled with clams or oysters. These were covered with a thin layer of sand or earth and a fire kindled above. After a certain time the covering was scraped away and the clams and oysters removed and eaten. Neither clams nor oysters are known to have been smoked, they being always plentiful and easily obtained. Corn was grown and prepared in various ways. Often it was pounded in a wooden mortar, then passed through a seive to separate the fine from the coarse particles. The fine meal was mixed with water and allowed to remain over night during which time it would ferment and become sour. The following morning it would be boiled a little, and dried until "it would hold together", then eaten. This appears to have been a favorite method of preparing the meal, the sour taste being relished, sometimes being eaten with a syrup. Again, corn was allowed to ripen on the cob, and to become quite dry, before being shelled. Later the grains were parched by being mixed with hot ashes of a wood fire. The parched grains were then pounded in a wooden mortar, passed through a sieve, and eaten mixed with water.

Pottery vessels were made by using a variety of blue clay. Mixed with it naturally was a sufficient quantity of sand and neither sand nor pulverized shell was added. The clay having been obtained was worked in a wooden mortar, water being added to make a pasty mass. When the clay was of a proper consistency it was modeled into the desired vessel, which was then put in a shady place and allowed to remain two or three weeks before being baked. Tobacco pipes were made in the same manner. Before being placed in a fire, and after having become thoroughly dry, the vessel was smoothed by scraping with a shell or thin piece of hard wood, and any incised decoration were added at this time. Grease was never used to darken the pottery.

The Chitimacha buried their deceased in earthen mounds, many of which contained large amounts of shell. This type of shell is called rangia, and is a variety from which clams were taken. The belief was that the shell were a way of ensuring that the deceased had food for their final journey. Upon the death of a Chitimacha, the body was placed in the earthen mound, and either placed in a length ways position, or sometimes in a half crouched position on its side, or in a half sitting position. The reasoning is not clear. It is thought that this positioning had something to do with the status of the individual. One year after the death of the head chief, or of any of the war chiefs, their bones were dug up by the osh ha'tchna (morticians), the remaining flesh taken from the bones, the bones wrapped in a new cane mat, and brought to the ceremonial lodge. The inhumation of these remains took place just before the beginning of the Kut naha worshipping ceremony or dance. The Chitimacha people assembled there, walking six times around a blazing fire, after which the bones were then placed in a mound. The widow and male orphans of the deceased chief had to take part in the ceremonial dance. The burial of the general population of Chitimacha took place at the village where they had died, in the same manner. In the same mound was placed all the property of the deceased, or at least such of it as might be particularly useful to him. For one year after the death of a relative, the Chitimacha women would go to the mound and place clothing and food on the top of the grave site. The next time they would go, they would find the clothes and food gone, which caused them to believe that the deceased was using what they had left. In reality, slaves would find these items and take them. It is thanks to this belief that many a poor slave was fed and clothed. The last known Chitimacha burial in a mound was in the late 1920's, a mere 77 years ago.

NEXT MONTH:
The Chitimacha Ceremonies

CHITIMACHA MOCCASINS

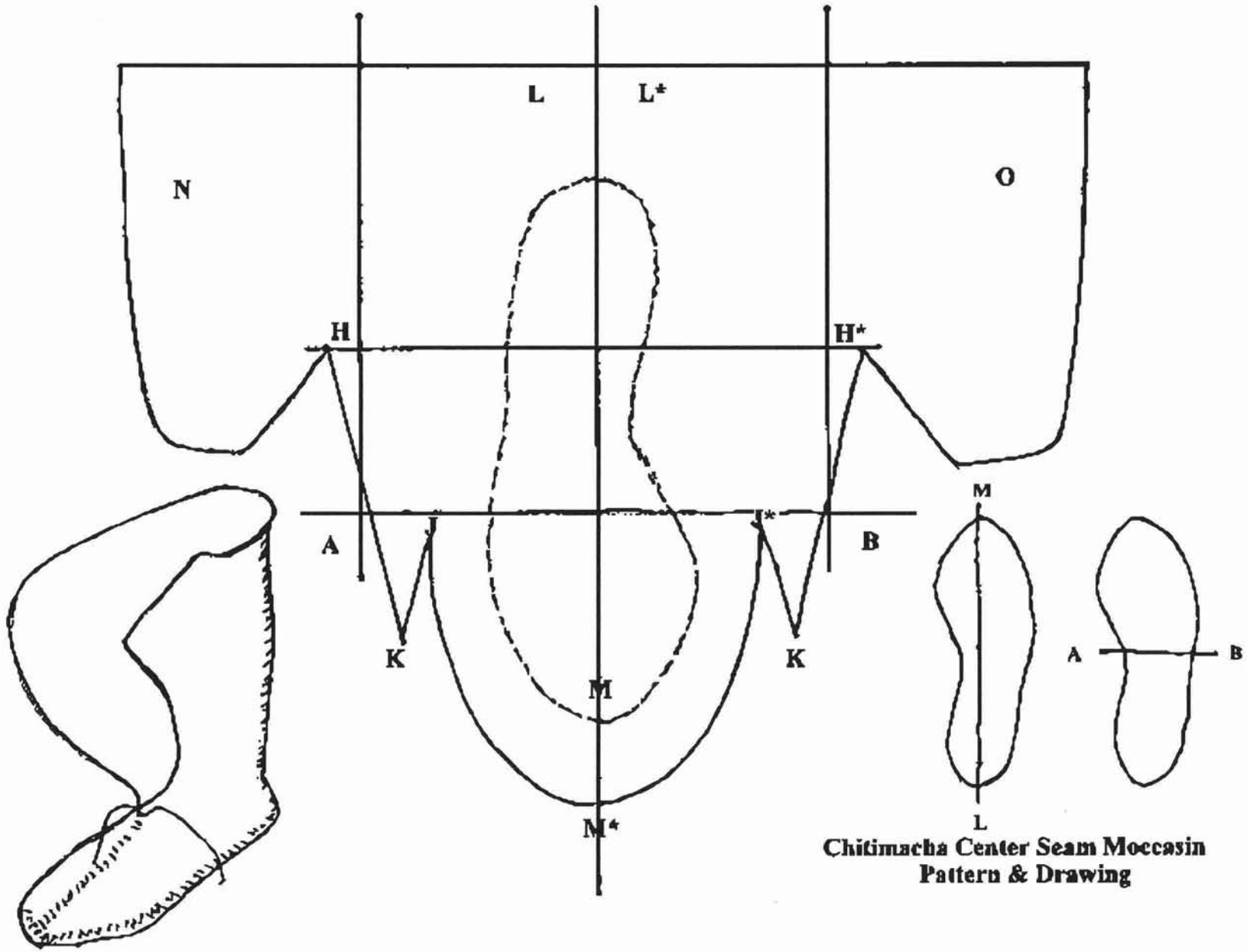
Information acquired from the Smithsonian as to the accuracy of the pattern. A pair of Chitimacha children's moccasins is on display at the Smithsonian dating to 1720.

DIRECTIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CHITIMACHA CENTER SEAM MOCCASIN

1. Place either foot on a large piece of paper on the floor.
2. Trace the outline of the foot holding the pencil perpendicular (in a straight upright position)
3. Draw line LM as shown in the figure (from center of the ball of the foot)
4. Add ¾ inch to the heel and ½ inch to the toe
5. Draw line AB the length of the circumference around the foot at 1" above the base of the big toe
6. The center of line AF must be on line LM
7. The Chitimacha center seam pattern should be consulted for the following instructions
8. M* is found by measuring under the foot, ¾" at heel, under big toe and up to middle of toe nail
9. Distance between points J and J* is measured under foot and upon each side ¼" about top of foot
10. The arc JMJ* is obtained by connecting the points
11. The height of the boot can be greatened by lengthening the flaps N and O
12. The pattern should now be cut from leather. Never should the leather be cut on a bias
13. This pattern is for heavy leather and all seams are on the outside (examples: deer, elk, buffalo, etc.)
14. Sew from L to X and X*
15. Bring H and H* together. Use a bold whip stitch and sew to K
16. Bring M* to K and sew to J or J*. Use at least a ¼" stitch on the top flap, and 1/8" stitch along line JK.

This will gather the toe flap enough to produce a "pucker". Sew the other half the same way.

17. The heel is sewn as the tribal member desires
18. Cut tie string about 24" long
19. Attach tie string according to the figure
20. Tie long flap fold over the short to the outside of the leg



Chitimacha Center Seam Moccasin Pattern & Drawing

Chitimacha Recreation
By: Jeri St.Blanc

Baseball fever is here. If you have the fever, there's a league for you, ages 2-18. Boys and girls can play Whiffle Ball. Girls 6-8 can play Coach Pitch. Parents met at Baldwin Park to place their children on teams April 22nd. If you missed registration, you may still sign up. I've turned in all the forms already, please call Patrice Picard in Baldwin. Many are asking about T-Ball. You have not been forgotten. T-Ball does not begin until the end of May or beginning of June. If you did not send me your registration form, just give me a call and I will add you to the list. It has not been sent in yet. As soon as I get more information about the league, I will get it out to you. T-Ball is for boys and girls, ages 6-8. It looks like we will have enough for our own team but we are in need of parents to help coach. If you are interested, please give us a call.

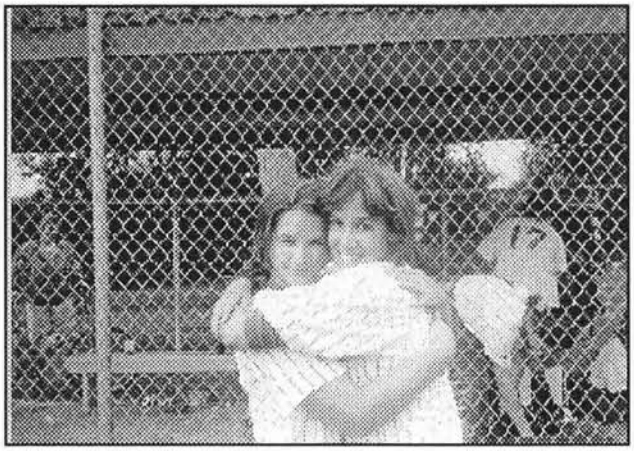
The girls Fast Pitch League played their pre-season tournament April 11-12. They are now playing in regular season games in Baldwin. They're doing great! They are spread out on different teams. Pick a night to come and watch. You'll see our kids participating on one of the fields.

Our Chitimacha Little League team started with a week long clinic working on the fundamentals of hitting and fielding. Our pitching machine has been great in delivering that perfect pitch which really helped provide some confidence at the plate. They are improving daily. We played our first practice game Tuesday, April 22nd and did well. Our pre-season tournament was rained out but we will begin regular play on May 5th at 6:00 P.M.

We weren't successful getting our older boys, 13 and up on a Sheriff's League team. We tried our best but Baldwin only had 2 teams and didn't include us in try outs. I've spoken to the Mr. Thibodeaux and he has promised to allow Charenton to have a team for next year.

Congratulation go out to Ashley Burgess and April Cook. Ashley and April are members of the Hanson Lady Tigers Softball Team. The Lady Tigers captured the District 7A Title. Ashley, left fielder, and April, first baseman, have been playing youth ball since the age of seven. They have both worked hard to earn their position on this second year team heading for the play offs once again.

The Regional playoff game was played Monday at 4:00. The Lady Tigers were victorious 5 to 2 over Ridgewood. They're now off to the State Playoffs on Friday, May 2nd at 11:00 in Alexandria. **Good Luck to Ashley, April and Lady Tigers!**



Left - April Cook Right - Ashley Burgess

Our youth golfers attended a series of lessons at Broken Pine Country Club during Spring break. We learned lots and sparked a new interest in a lifetime sport. We are now playing at Broken Pine on Wednesday afternoons. A big thank you goes out to Kirt Walden, Brian Hedley, Jack Darden and Rebecca Martin for helping walk the course, keeping score, and helping with club selection. During the summer the kids will be participating in the Acadiana Junior Golf Association. They will compete in tournaments throughout Acadiana.

There has been inquiries about adult golf lessons. We will try to offer lessons this summer. If your are interested, give us a call. You will need clubs or have access to clubs. Hopefully we can try to schedule the lessons for the end of June.

Jarrod Deslatte and Daryl Toups competed in the KNOE Championship 5K State in Monroe on April 12th. They ran an impressive race. Jarrod came in 4th, missing 3rd place by 11 seconds. Daryl came in 5th after being trampled at the start. Like a real champ, he recovered and finished the race. They will compete again in Lake Charles on May 10th.

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I have had many people show interest in a beginners low impact exercise class. We are trying to offer a 30 minute class of low impact exercise, followed by a 60 minute intermediate class. If you are interested in getting started, now is the time. Call me with your ideas so we can meet as many needs as possible.

The pool is now a reality. When finished, it will be a first class aquatic facility providing lap swimming, life saving, water walking, swimming lessons and recreational swimming. I will begin training life-guards using JTPA workers. They will be trained in pro-active aquatic risk management. After completion of a 22 hour course, each guard will be trained in first aid, CPR, oxygen training and life-saving skills. Candidates must pass a written exam, pass individual technical performance exam and simulation practical exam to qualify for licensing. This high standard will help provide our community with exceptional quality in life-guarding.

The Louisiana Elementary Fitness Meet will be held at LSU on May 17th. **Grant LaGarde, Slade Bobbitt, Arielle Darden** and **Adrianna Bernard** have been selected to represent St. Mary Parish in this state wide meet. They will compete in 7 events against 11 year olds across the state. They will carry the Chitimacha flag to representing the Tribe and a banner representing the parish in the opening parade. Even though the competition will be against 11 year old participants, I know they will do their best.

Two of our tribal members from Layayette, **Matthew Richard** and **Lukas Bernard**, compete nation wide for a select soccer league, Sanntos Soccer Club. The team is comprised of elite players from the Southern Region. They are playing in the Regional playoffs May 3-4 for a birth to the state games. They will be traveling to Austin, Texas on May 10th to participate in the USA Spring Cup Select Soccer Tournament. We are looking forward to Matthew and Lukas coming down this summer to work with our soccer kids. Good Luck to Matthew and Lukas in the playoffs.

Physical fitness testing has been completed for students in Physical Education classes. I am very happy to report success in the program. I tested the entire student body. *60% of our students earned National Awards or higher on the Presidential Fitness Testing.* Of those, **32% scored the highest, earning the Presidential Award**. Great job kids! The exercise routine, floor burners and endurance runs do work! Keep it up. I am proud of you. Our results have been entered in the state contest. We will find out in the summer how we did state wide.

Many new faces are showing up at the Fitness Center. We are growing in leaps and bounds. I realize that the treadmills are very popular and heavily used. As soon as we can, we will try to add another one. Your commitment to health and wellness will improve your overall quality of life.

Most of us know that physical activity is good for our health. But many may not know just how important regular physical activity is to preventing the development of chronic diseases and improving our quality of life. The *Surgeon General's report on Physical Activity and Health* makes it clear that some physical activity is better than none---even if it is a moderate amount. We encourage each person to perform daily activity that expends about 150 calories of energy. Find an activity that you enjoy and make it part of your daily plan. If this is too much, start with less activity and do it each day or do the activity several days a week as a starter. Remember--- participating in some activity is better than doing nothing at all— and more is even better. If I can do anything to help you get started, please give me a call.

WARNING! THE U.S. SURGEON GENERAL HAS DETERMINED THAT PHYSICAL INACTIVITY IS HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH!

This a letter submitted by a tribal member from the book, <u>Chicken Soup</u>. Because we are getting ready for summer ball, I thought it would be appropriate. I hope you enjoy it as much I as did. Jeri St. Blanc

It's How You Play The Game That Counts

Donald Jenson was struck in the head by a thrown bat while umpiring a Little League game in Terre Haute, Indiana. He continued to work the game but later that evening was placed in the hospital by a doctor. While being kept overnight for observation, Jenson wrote the following letter.

Dear Parent of a Little Leaguer:

I am an umpire. I don't do it for a living, but on Saturdays and Sundays for fun.

I've played the game, coached it and watched it. But somehow nothing takes the place of umpiring. Maybe it's because I feel that deep down I'm providing a fair chance for all the kids to play the game without disagreements and arguments.

With all the fun I've had, there is still something that bothers me about the job....Some of you folks don't understand why I'm there. Some of you think I'm there to exert authority over your son or daughter. For that reason, you often yell at me when I make a mistake, or encourage your son or daughter to say things that hurt my feelings.

How many of you really understand that I try to be perfect? I try not to make a mistake. I don't want your child to feel that he got a bad deal from an umpire.

Yet no matter how hard I try, I can't be perfect. I counted the number of calls I made in a six-inning game today. The total number of decisions, whether on balls and strikes or safes and outs, was 146.

I tried my best to get them all right, but I'm sure I missed some. When I figured out my percentage on paper, I could have missed eight calls today and still got about 95% of the calls right... In most occupations that percentage would be considered excellent. If I were in school, that grade would receive an "A" for sure.

But your demands are higher than that. Let me tell your more about the game today.

There was one real close call that ended the game...a runner for the home team was trying to steal the plate on a passed ball. The catcher chased the ball down and threw to the pitcher covering the plate, the pitcher made the tag, and I called the runner out.

As I was getting my equipment to leave, I overheard one of the parents' comments: "It's too bad the kids have to lose because of rotten umpires. That was one of the lousiest calls I've ever seen.:

Later at the concession stand, a couple of kids were telling their friends, "Boy, the umpires were bad today. They lost the game for us."

The purpose of Little League is to teach baseball skills to young people. Obviously, a team that does not play well in a given game, yet is given the opportunity to blame that loss on an umpire for one call or two, is being given the chance to take all responsibility for the loss from its shoulders.

A parent or adult leader who permits the younger player to blame his or her failures on an umpire, regardless of the quality of that umpire, is doing the worst kind of injustice to that youngster... Rather than learning responsibility , such an attitude is fostering an improper outlook toward the game itself. The irresponsibility is bound to carry over to the future years.

As I sit here writing this letter, I am no longer as upset as I was this afternoon. I wanted to quit umpiring. But fortunately, my wife reminded me of another situation that occurred last week.

I was behind the plate, umpiring for a pitcher who pantomimed his displeasure at any call on a borderline pitch that was not in his team's favor. One could sense that he wanted the crowd to realize that he was a fine, talented player who was doing his best to get along, and that I was a black-hearted villian who was working against him.

The kid continued in this vein for two innings... while at the same time yelling at his own players who dared to make a mistake. For two innings, the manager watched this. When the kid returned to the dugout to bat in the top of the third, the manager called him aside.

In a loud enough voice that I was able to overhear the lecture went this "Listen, son, it's time you made a decision. You can be an umpire, or an actor, or a pitcher. But you can only be one at a time when you're playing for me. Right now it is your job to pitch, and you are basically doing a lousy job. Leave the acting to the actors, the umpiring to the umpires, or you won't do any pitching here. Now what is it going to be?

Needless to say, the kid chose the pitching route and went on to win the game. When the game was over the kid followed me to my car. Fighting his hardest to keep back the tears, he apologized for his actions and thanked me for umpiring his game. He said he had learned a lesson that he would never forget.

I can't help but wonder...how many fine young men are missing their chance to develop into outstanding ballplayers because their parents encourage them to spend time umpiring, rather that working harder to play the game as it should be played.

The following morning, Donald Jenson died of a brain concussion.

CHITIMACHA ELECTION BOARD
NEWS RELEASE

The Chitimacha Election Board met April 17, 1997 to discuss the upcoming election for this year. Election Day is set for June 14, 1997. Candidacy date opens May 5, 1997 and closes May 9, 1997 at 11:30 AM. Candidates can file with Vickie Martin at the Multi-Purpose Building. Hours for filing period are Monday thru Thursday between 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM and on Friday between 7:30 AM and 11:30 AM. Registration date closes May 31, 1997 at midnight and absentee date opens June 2, 1997 and closes June 14,1997 at noon.

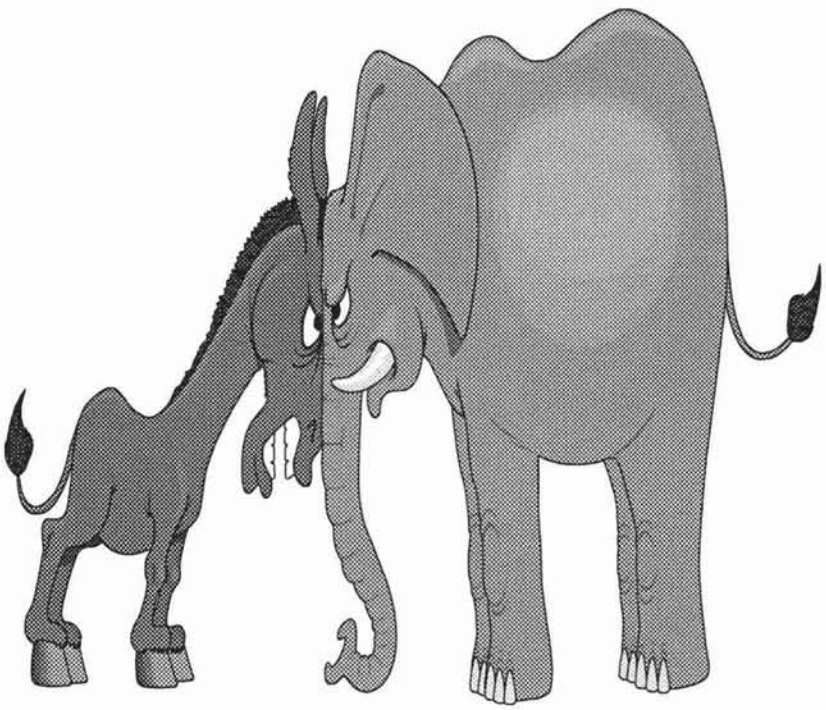
The positions which are up for election this year includes Chairman, which is presently held by incumbent Ralph C. Darden; Vice-Chairman which is held by incumbent Alton D. LeBlanc, Jr. Also, there are two school board positions which are currently held by incumbents Marilyn Burgess and Belinda Darden.

Anyone who is an enrolled tribal member and is eighteen years old may register to vote. You can contact Vickie Mora-Martin at the Chitimacha Senior Center, which is located at 312 Chitimacha Loop Road; Phone Number is (318) 923-4114. Registration place is located at the Multi-Purpose Building which is located at 155 Chitimacha Loop Road.

This year the polling place will be located at the Chitimacha Day School in the cafeteria. Hours for voting will be 8:00 AM till 6:00 PM on Saturday, June 14, 1997.

If anyone needs more information contact one of the election board members - Pam Thibodeaux, Vickie Mora-Martin, Pat Vilcan, or Carolyn Savage.

Please register and VOTE!!!



CHITIMACHA SENIOR PROGRAM CALENDAR
DAILY MENU SCHEDULE
APRIL 1997

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			May 1, 1997 Smothered Steak, Rice, Green Beans, Parsley Potatoes, Rolls and Pie **Activity:** Lil Bingo	**May 2, 1997** Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Appetizers, Chips, and Muffins
May 5, 1997 Fried Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Rolls and Cake **Activity:** Lil Bingo	**May 6, 1997** Pork Chops, Macaroni 'n Cheese, Corn, Rolls and Fruit **Activity:** Lil Bingo	**May 7, 1997** **Breakfast** Groundmeat Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Potato Salad and Jello **Activity:** Shopping	**May 8, 1997** Pork Roast, Lima Beans, Candied Yams, Rice, Rolls and Surprise **Activity:** Lil Bingo	**May 9, 1997** Fried Catfish, Tator Tots, Hush Puppies, Rolls and Fruit
May 12, 1997 Baked Chicken, Macaroni 'n Cheese, Corn, Rolls and Pie **Activity:** Lil Bingo	**May 13, 1997** Meatloaf, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Rolls and Surprise **Activity:** Lil Bingo	**May 14, 1997** **Breakfast** Beef Stew, Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, Yams and Ice Cream **Activity:** Lil Bingo	**May 15, 1997** Roast Beef, Rice, White Beans, Asparagus, Rolls and Brownies **Activity:** Lil Bingo	**May 16, 1997** Shrimp Stew, Rice, Potato Salad, Rolls and Fruit
May 19, 1997 Chicken Stew, Rice, Broccoli, Green Salad, Rolls and Fruit **Activity:** Lil Bingo	**May 20, 1997** Brisket, Dressing, Corn, Yams, Rolls and Banana Pudding **Activity:** Lil Bingo	**May 21, 1997** **Breakfast** White Beans, Rice, Meatballs w/ Tomato Gravy, Asparagus, Rolls and Cake **Activity:** RegBingo	**May 22, 1997** Pork Chops, Cheese 'n Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Rolls and Pie **Activity:** Shopping	**May 23, 1997** Hot Dogs, Chips, Vegetable Tray and Brownies
May 26, 1997 **OFFICE CLOSED** **MEMORIAL DAY**	**May 27, 1997** Red Beans, Rice, Broccoli, Sausage, Rolls & Jello **Activity:** Lil Bingo	**May 28, 1997** **Breakfast** Baked Turkey, Rice Dressing, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls & Jello **Activity: Nat'l Sr. Hlth. and Fitness Day**	**May 29, 1997** Baked Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Corn, Rolls and Surprise **Activity:** Shopping	**May 30, 1997** Tuna Fish, Salmon Patties, Tator Tots and Brownies

May 1997

Mary Boudreaux	5/11	Burt Burgess	5/20
Charlie Olds	5/17	Helen Marcotte	5/25
Alice Darden	5/18	Pat Mora	5/27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU AND HAVE MANY MORE!!!

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL
DAILY MENU SCHEDULE
MAY 1997

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
May 5, 1997 **Breakfast** Bagel, Canadian Bacon, Juice & Milk **Lunch** Lasagna, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit & Milk	**May 6, 1997** **Breakfast** Donuts, Ham, Juice & Milk **Lunch** Chicken Fajitas, Red Beans, Salad, Roll, Fruit & Milk	**May 7, 1997** **Breakfast** Cereal, Hash Browns, Juice & Milk **Lunch** Pizza, Salad, Fruit & Milk	**May 8, 1997** **Breakfast** Grits, Sausage, Juice & Milk **Lunch** Red Beans w/Sausage, Rice, Salad, Fruit & Milk	**May 9, 1997** **Breakfast** Buscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk **Lunch** Hot Dogs w/Chili, Tator Tots, Salad, Fruit & Milk
May 12, 1997 **Breakfast** Juice & Milk **Lunch** Fruit & Milk	**May 13, 1997** **Breakfast** Grits, Eggs, Juice & Milk **Lunch** Hamburger Steak, Baked Potato, Salad Roll, Fruit & Milk	**May 14, 1997** **Breakfast** French Toast, Juice & Milk **Lunch** Turkey Poboy, Lettuce/Tomato, Cookie, Fruit & Milk	**May 15, 1997** **Breakfast** Cereal, Toast, Juice & Milk **Lunch** Oven-Fried Chicken, Rice Dressing Salad, Fruit & Milk	**May 16, 1997** **Breakfast** Oatmeal, Sausage, Juice & Milk **Lunch** Shrimp Stew w/Rice, Potato Salad, Roll, Fruit & Milk
May 19, 1997 **USE WHAT IS IN THE FREEZER!!!** **POT LUCK!!!**	**May 20, 1997** **USE WHAT IS IN THE FREEZER!!!** **POT LUCK!!!**	**May 21, 1997** **8TH GRADE DINNER AT GYM STEAKS W/POTATO, SALAD, ROLLS**	**May 22, 1997** **GRADUATION**	**May 23, 1997** **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE SUMMER VACATION

TO ALL THE STAFF & STUDENTS OF THE CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

Public Works Department
By: Tony Darden, Director

Here's the run down on what happened, what's going on and what's in the works in Public Works Department.

The department would like to welcome Royce Deslatte to the department. Royce is replacing Orein Butaud as the School janitor/maintenance worker. Welcome aboard Royce!

Sewer Improvements

You may have noticed that the sewer renovation work has started. We are just about finished with the major problems except for a couple more repairs. Within the next couple of months we will address some service lines that is in need of repair. We would like to apologize for the inconvenience that we may have caused. The renovations are going along well. We still have some repairs left to do. Hopefully all the major work will be completed within the next couple weeks, providing the whether permits. THANKS Again.

Don Anthrobus from Indian Health Service out of Lafayette came out to do an inspection of the sewer project. Don will again be coming out later to do the final inspection.

Fire Department

Construction is well underway at the Fire Department. We are adding two new bays to house the new vehicles that the fire dept. has ordered. We are also adding a training room. We are hoping that the construction will continue to move along well and should be completed within the next couple of months.

Private Dumpster

The large dumpster by the maintenance barn is for public works use only! This dumpster is limited to a certain kind of trash -- ***household garbage is not allowed in this container***! Also the dumpster at the Trading Post is for trash from the Trading Post and Tribal Building's **only**. Private and household garbage should be disposed of at the Parish Dump in Franklin, located on Northwest Boulevard. Thank you for your cooperation.

Help Wanted

Summer Time Help needed! Part-Time workers needed for cleanup projects on the reservation to start within 3 to 4 weeks. Come by the Housing & Operations office to sign up or Call 923-9125.

Mausoleum Improvements

A new sign was installed at the mausoleum. The sign was donated to the Tribe by Pellerin Marble and Granite Co. out of Breaux Bridge. We would like to thank Mr. Pellerin for his generosity. It really made a big improvement at the mausoleum. We also put down a new driveway, and some landscaping. All of the work has been completed.

Roads

We will be mowing along the roadsides during the next couple of months. Please advise your children to stay far away from the mower when it is passing to avoid possible injuries from flying objects.

Geophysical Survey

Vastar Resources Inc,. a geophysical survey company, was issued a geophysical permit to obtain a 3-D survey on the reservation. This is to remind you that Vastar is continuing to do their survey. So please don't be alarmed if you see workers and some cable lines in your yards. They should be on the reservation for the next month. Thank you for your cooperation.

Waste Oil

Please remember that the maintenance department is still accepting waste oil. If you have any that you want to dispose of, you may bring it to the maintenance shop. This service is available only between the hours of 7:30 A.M thru 5:00 P.M Monday - Thursday. Check with one of the maintenance workers prior to any disposal.

Public Works:
Lands, Sewer, Utilities, Facilities, And Roads.
If we can help call Public Works Dept. At 923-9125
Emergency # 828-6708.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Call Debbie @ 318 923-4973 to place an Ad

We want to express our gratitude and appreciation for all of the prayers, kind deeds and thoughts offered on behalf of our Dad & husband,

Paul Hoskins

Thank you
Jean Hoskins
The LeBlancs
The Scotts